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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application number PCT/NO2004/000002, filed January 9, 2004, which claims priority to application number 20030115 filed January 9, 2003, in Norway the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.